

FURTHER CURTAILMENT OF COKE PRODUCTION WITH PRICES UNCHANGED.

Operators' Policy Is Conservative.

NO HOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT.

In the Immediate Future, Coke Trade Simply Following Iron Conditions—Selling Agency Prospects.

The Connellsville coke trade seems to be deliberate and determined, adjusting itself to market conditions. Production continues to decrease and output to increase over previous figures. Last week the over output was between 4 and 5%, less than in the previous week, while shipment increased over 3%. While this decrease and increase is relatively small it represents some thousands of tons and it indicates quite clearly a conservative policy on the part of the producers. The situation holds out no hope of immediate betterment. The coke trade is simply following iron trade conditions and the coal market is approximately the same ratio in the open market and the furnace ovens. Prices, which still need perceptible because of the coal strike have so far again with its prospective early settlement and sale, or writers are again thinking seriously of the central selling agency or something better in the way of consolidation and protection. The pooling proposition remains in status quo this week but it is no secret in coke circles that the signatures to the agreement now represent very close to the number of ovens desired as a starting point for the agency even the odds of our esteemed industrial contemporaries know nothing about it.

The production of coke in both regions is still further curtailed this week from the effect of blowing out 535 ovens in both regions causing the total production to settle to 125,120 tons against 135,774 tons the previous week or a decline of 1,222 tons.

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Coke Drawing And Leveling Machines Plenty

The use of coke drawing machines is increasingly coming into the general and favorable notice of those engaged in the coke making industry. Many of the newer coke plants of the region are equipped throughout with machines and no coke is drawn by hand a large number of the older plants are also equipped with some of these machines one side a block being drawn in machines and the other drawn by hand. There are two men required to man a machine one to operate it and one to set up the small pieces of coke from the oven which cleaning out cannot be done by the machine. An oven can be drawn in about five minutes by machine whereas the oven could not be drawn by hand in less than an hour and a half.

The electric leveling machines are also great labor saving devices for the level an oven in a few minutes and do it in a neat manner. There are two kinds of leveling machines, the overhead and the vertical machine. The yard machine pushes the coal in manner somewhat similar to when it is leveled by hand while the oven head machine is set over the trimmer head two stars are extended and the coal is lifted over the oven in a very short manner. An oven can be leveled in a few minutes and the machine can level the oven fast as several electric furnaces can choose them. Many coke plants both old and new are preparing to install these machines.

A SETTLEMENT

is Fast Coming in the Pittsburgh Coal District

PITTSBURG, April 27.—All rates of iron and steel in the Pittsburgh district are returning to the mines this week after a period of 10 days of observation. If the wipers are to be satisfied with the present rate of 125,120 tons per week, the coke will be reduced to 125,120 tons per week. The coke will be reduced to 125,120 tons per week.

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ENGINE HOUSE BURNS.

At United Connellsville Coke Company's Model Plant

The explosion of a natural gas burn at the engine house at the engineering plant of the United Connellsville Coke Company a few miles north of Brownsville, Sunday, and the engine house was so badly damaged that the coal could not be lit out of the mine or some time. When this mine was opened the first coal mine was piled on the ground and the coal now came in hand. It was used to run the plant until the engine could be repaired. The men went back to the engine house point being on the several gaseous mines where the use of black powder is banished.

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The use of electric larries is fast becoming general throughout the coke region. These larries do much faster work than those driven by horses and the latter rarely meets only an occasional rousing. When horses or larries use the tow path must be constantly filled in and the dirt scraped away from the rails this dirt being continually tramped by the horse becomes so fine it turns almost like water and is seething hot. To those not accustomed to the coke ovens this appears to be solid earth and if they step on the tow link in their shoes toes are sure to end with a bad thump. The use of electric larries eliminates this and makes it far less dangerous for the char get being impeded or burned as he has not time to leap the larrie as he does when horses or mules are used.

There is no continual heavy thumping as there is with the dinky engine. In the use of the dinky engine is used and it must be in new plants electric larries have been installed in numbers of the old plants are down the electric ones. Electricity is just supplanting steam for power about the middle mine and on the coke yard. The use of the ponderous steam boat for generating steam is fast passing and the while now practically used is to run the dynamo for making electricity.

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This fact is worthy of the serious consideration of the coke operators, the school authorities and the humane and progressive spirit everywhere that seeks to better the condition of the workingman and advance the country's industrial progress. The H. C. Frick Coke Company has taken the question up in connection with the Scranton mining schools with a view to aiding in the education of its young employees who have not had the opportunity in their childhood and of specially instructing them in the methods of surface mining. The Young Men's Christian Association of Connellsville, Scottsdale and other coke region towns have engaged in similar work but their opportunities have been necessarily limited. The Carnegie Library Trustees of Connellsville at one time suggested to the founder of the library that he add a mining school but even this would have been a technical rather than a primary school and as it is not at least not yet.

In the interest of good citizenship as well as safe mining men who have been deprived of the advantages of common school education should in this enlightened country be provided with an opportunity to remedy this most serious deficiency in their men's make up. It may be done by the establishment of night schools in every community where there see to be any demand for them and the schools should be free or at least the charges of tuition should be nominal and always fitted to the individual condition of the pupil. The cost of this work should be borne by the school districts but in such relation as their work stands to the interests of the coke operators by so much should the latter lend their financial assistance to the schools.

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In fact a superior grade of coke may be manufactured from most low grade coals if they are thoroughly washed in the process of washing removing many of the principal impurities.

The Freeport coking coal proposal is nevertheless interesting to the Connellsville coke region and will be even more so in the ultimate for the reason that this region is probably underlain with these coal veins.

Perhaps it would be better for the Scottsdale authorities to submit their library proposition to a referendum vote.

POLITICAL ANARCHY

IT'S SIN AND FOLLY

Washington county has no more venomous insurgent organ than the eccentric Consanguine Notes and its descendants. It is taken as characteristic of the folk of that nation of POLITICAL ANARCHY which in the stated name of REFORM has in conjunction with the able assistance of the enemy to RUIN THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN CONGRESS AND RESTORE THIS DEMOCRATS TO POWER IN THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT.

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By Frank Pierce.
April, 1910, just 100 years ago this month, two brothers Daniel and Joseph Rogers, of Connellsville and Zadock Walker of Uniontown, two enterprising young men not yet in the prime of life, on a clear bright morning, accompanied by Jesse Taylor, a stone mason, of Connellsville, and a number of other workmen appeared on the right or eastern margin of the Youghiogheny river, about three miles east of Connellsville, near where the Standard Lime & Stove Company's village consisting of 22 frame houses and shanties now is, and commenced operation for the erection of a two-story stone house, a lot of round log cabins and a large stone foundation to support a heavy frame structure for a paper mill, the water power for which must be procured by the cutting of a long, deep race to bring it from the river above. This was a huge undertaking in the pioneer days of 100 years ago. Besides a wagon road must be opened from Connellsville to the scene.

From that day on, during the long summer, masons, carpenters, wood choppers and laborers made the primal wilderness which was still alive with snakes and wild beasts ring with the hum of industry. Soon the valley and mountain side were dotted with cabins that were taken possession of by the workmen and their families as fast as completed.

Upon the completion of the four roomed stone house, which was quite aristocratic in its day, the Superintendent, Thos. A. Rogers, cousin of Daniel, moved into it and from this day forward the work in all lines went rapidly on. By the last of September the village, the saltice, the road, the mill, the installing of the machinery some of which was quite heavy and brought on the river on flatboats built at Connellsville, was completed and an all-night dance celebrated the victory. Huge piles of Linden wood, cut, split and stacked down from the mountain side stood ready to be converted into paper for the use of man.

Thus 100 years ago commenced the depilation of our forest on Chestnut Ridge which has almost entirely disappeared now to our hurt.

While the actors were painting this scene on the canvas of time another industry was being started a couple of miles up the stream. Col. Isaac Newton of New Haven, father-in-law of Daniel Rogers, had force of men, among them Azariah Davis, a noted blacksmith, boring wells, building furnaces, placing piers, etc., preparatory to manufacturing salt, at the places known to us today as the "Lower Middle and Upper Salt Works," where for a number of years a very good grade of salt was made for home

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A FAYETTE COAL DEAL MADE

Isaiah Good Reported to Have Bought 4,000 Acres of Coal Land in Fayette County at Big Price—Equity Suit Settled.

SOMERSET, April 22.—At the examination held here recently to determine the competency of a number of applicants for the positions of mine foreman and fire boss, five successfully passed the examination for mine foreman and 11 passed the examination for fire bosses. The examining board was composed of State Mine Inspector Nicholas Evans, James Soursfield and Thomas Griffith. The names of those who passed follow: Mine Foreman: J. H. Lang and Allen Jay of Jerome; David Wilson of Jenner; John Spence of Meyersdale, and William E. Jones of Wells Creek. Fire Boss: W. J. Godfrey, James Stephenson, Charles E. Reynolds, Martin Crowley, all of Jerome; William Bevage, John O. Jones, W. G. Palmer, all of Roswell; William Mitchell and John McNaughton of Garrett; R. A. Morgan of Belmont and Marshall Town of Jennings.

It is stated on reliable authority that Isaiah Good, a widely known coal operator of Somerset, has closed a deal in Fayette county for about 4,000 acres of coal lands at a price which will reach six figures. The property comprises several adjoining tracts and is located near Ohiopyle. Branches from the Western Maryland and B. & O. railroads will furnish facilities for transporting the coal. Several test holes have been drilled and show the deposits of coal underlying the land to be of unusual richness. According to reliable reports a company will be formed and the development of the property hastened as much as possible.

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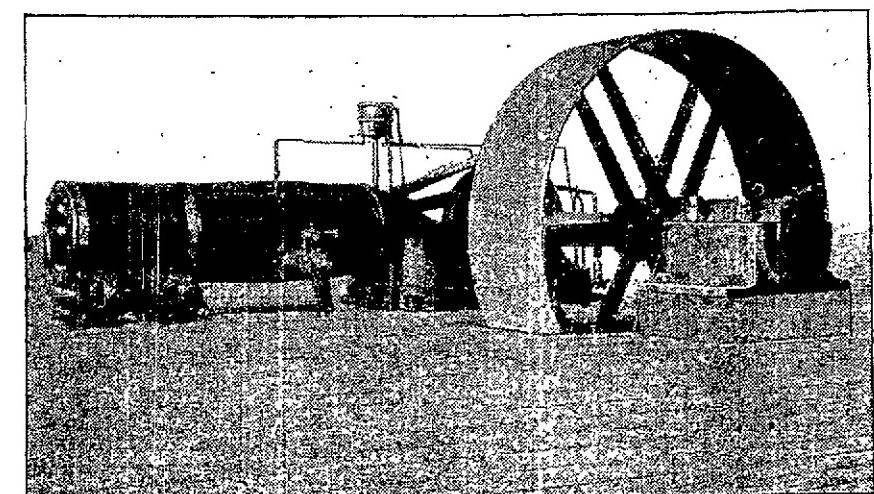
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